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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: U.S.-IRAQI RELATIONS

REFA)CAIRO 7851; B)CAIRO 7853; C) CAIRO 7983

1. AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO FAHMY'S CONCERN OVER THE DEPT'S APRIL 27 LETTER TO SENATOR JAVITS. GUIDANCE HAS BEEN CLEARED BY HABIB AND ATHERTON. (PER SECTO 04046 NOTAL)
2. BY SEPTTEL, WE HAVE SENT YOU TEXTS OF A) FEBRUARY 23 LETTER FROM SENATOR JAVITS, B) OUR APRIL 27 REPLY, WITH C) ATTACHMENTS DESCRIBING ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF TERRORISM ON THE PART OF LIBYA, IRAQ AND SOUTH YEMEN. SIMILAR ATTACHMENT RE SOMALIA WAS CONTAINED STATE 105216, FOR WHICH CAIRO WAS AN INFO ADDRESSEE.

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3. YOU MAY PROVIDE FAHMY WITH THESE TEXTS (WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE THE ENCLOSURE ON NEW INITIATIVES BEING POUCHED TO YOU SEPARATELY) AND EXPLAIN THAT OUR DESCRIPTIONS OF THE POSITIONS OF LIBYA, IRAQ, SOMALIA AND PDRY WITH RESPECT TO TERRORISM WERE PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO JAVITS AT HIS EXPRESS REQUEST. WHILE MAIN THRUST OF JAVITS' CONCERN HAD TO DO WITH LIBYA, WE FELT OBLIGED TO RESPOND AS FACTUALLY

AS POSSIBLE TO HIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS MENTIONED IN HIS LETTER. OUR DESCRIPTIONS OF THE POSITIONS OF IRAQ AND SOMALIA WERE COUCHED IN MATTER-OF-FACT TERMS AND DO NOT RPT NOT BY ANY MEANS CONSTITUTE A "BLACK LIST".

4. PLEASE EXPLAIN ALSO TO FAHMY THAT BEYOND OUR DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH IRAQ IS OUR HOPE THAT THE BAGHDAD GOVERNMENT WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT POLICIES LESS DISRUPTIVE OF PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ALSO TO ESCHEW ITS SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

5. YOU SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS OUR REGRET OVER ANY INCONVENIENCE THAT PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THIS MATTER MAY HAVE CAUSED FAHMY.

6. THE SECRETARY APPRECIATES FAHMY'S SUGGESTIONS (CAIRO 7983) ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE THIS MATTER WITH IRAQ. WE AGREE THAT TIMING OF PUBLICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH JAVITS WAS UNFORTUNATE, BUT THIS WAS NOT SOMETHING OVER WHICH WE HAD ANY CONTROL. AS FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISITING BAGHDAD, THIS IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE UNDER HIS PRESENT SCHEDULE. IN APPROACHING IRAQIS ABOUT POSSIBLE HABIB VISIT, WE HAVE, HOWEVER, INFORMED THEM THAT HE WILL BE CARRYING PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE ABOUT OUR INTEREST IN IMPROVING RELATIONS. IN ADDITION, WE ARE INSTRUCTING OUR INTERESTS SECTIONS IN BAGHDAD TO CLARIFY FOR IRAQIS THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THIS CORRESPONDENCE WAS MADE  
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